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General Counsel  
Federal Elections Committee  
999 E Street N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20463

Dear Sir or Madam:

I am requesting an investigation into the possible FEC violation on the part of the Mary Bono for Congress campaign in the special election held on April 7, 1998 for the 44th Congressional seat.

I am enclosing a copy of the letter, which is the basis of my complaint. Please note that Seymour Kaplan asks the recipient of the letter (which was a district-wide mailing) to vote for Mary Bono (my opponent). Please also note that there is no attribution on the letter regarding who paid for it.

The Bono campaign manager admitted in our local newspaper (The Desert Sun) on April 7, 1998, "If there is no tag on the letter it is my mistake. If there is an infraction, I'll be happy to answer to the F.E.C. We reported it to the F.E.C. Seymour Kaplan gave us his permission to use the letter, which is one of about 10 we've sent out. It is a letter just like the one we sent out written by Gerald Ford and Roy Wilson."

The campaign manager's name is Brian Nestande. Mr. Nestande was Chief of Staff for Sonny Bono before his accidental death, and will be Chief of Staff for Mary Bono in Washington.

Please also look at a flier that was placed on voters' doors a few days before the election. Mr. Art McNamara, the President of the Riverside Sheriff's Association said they did not give permission to use the association's name in such a manner. Also, there is no attribution.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Ralph Waite

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Enclosures

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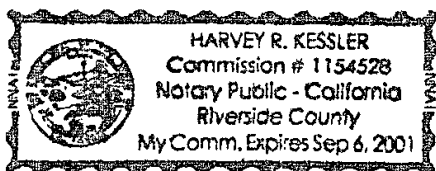
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County of RIVERSIDE

On APRIL 15, 1998 before me, HARVEY R. KESSLER  
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personally appeared RALPH WAITE  
Name(s) of Signer(s)

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WITNESS my hand and official seal.

Harvey R. Kessler  
Signature of Notary Public

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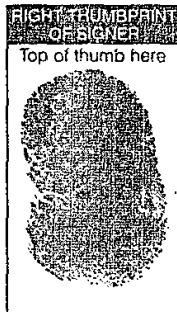
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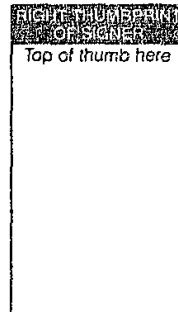


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From the Desk of  
**Seymour Kaplan**

Mr Paul Slama  
75721 DILLON RD  
DESERT HOT SPRINGS, CA 92241

Dear Paul,

As a lifelong Democrat and World War II veteran, I am writing to ask you to cast your ballot for Mary Bono for Congress.

The courage and dignity demonstrated by Mary over the last several months has been an inspiration to people of all political persuasions. And while I don't normally recommend Republican candidates, I am making an exception in this case.

Mary Bono is the candidate I trust to rise above the partisan bickering in Washington, DC. She genuinely cares about people and she is deeply committed to making a better future.

As our Representative, Mary will devote her energy to the issues that are most important. For instance:

- Mary believes Social Security is a trust set up between the American people and our government - one that must be honored. She will fight to protect Social Security benefits and give us a retirement system that is sound, secure and fair.
- Mary will ensure a strong national defense and fight to preserve veteran's benefits.
- Mary believes good public schools are the key to our children's and grandchildren's future and that our education dollars should go to the classroom, where they can do the most good for students and teachers.

I was disappointed when Mary's opponent, Ralph Waite, wrote a campaign mailer to us that did not tell the truth about Mary's position on the issues. Maybe, if Mr. Waite cared enough about us to come to our district and campaign, he would hear the truth and find out why so many of us are putting our trust in Mary.

I have been around for 74 years and I've seen a lot of politicians come and go. Most just tell us what they think we want to hear. Mary is different. She is uniting people from all parties.

Sincerely,

  
Seymour Kaplan